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In re application of

HIRATA, MOTOYUKI, et al.

Divisional of

Appln. No.: 09/014,572

Group Art Unit: 1734 (in parent)

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE/ELECTRODE COMPOSITES, BATTERY PRODUCED USING THE METHOD AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, insert the following paragraph before the first line:

This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/014,572 filed January 28, 1998, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 15, please delete the second full paragraph and replace it with the following new paragraph:

The laminate film for use in the present invention is obtained by laminating the above-described SPE or pre-SPE film on a film base material. The SPE is laminated by a known coating method such as a doctor knife method and then polymerized to cure by thermal polymerization or the like. Use of a thin film such as a metal or metal oxide